

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application of which claims 1, 17-20, 22 and 23 are independent. Claim 18 is amended.

In section 4, on page 2, the Office Action objects to claim 18 for the specified informality. This objection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 18 is amended to address the issue raised by the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that claim 18 complies with all informalities.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claim 18 in section 4 on page 2 of the Office Action be withdrawn.

In section 6 on pages 3-6, the Office Action rejects claims 1-9, 13 and 17-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,968,364 to Wong et al. (hereinafter "Wong"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 17-20, 22 and 23, from which claims 2-9, 13 and 21 depend, respectively, all recite a scheduler and a recipient that are different individuals or persons. With respect to these recitations in the rejected claims, the Office Action cites col. 15, lines 32-50 in Wong. However, at col. 15, lines 32-50, Wong does not disclose, teach or suggest a scheduler and a recipient that are different individuals or persons.

Claims 2-9, 13 and 21 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claims 1 and 20, respectively for at least the reasons stated above in connection with claims 1 and 20.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-9, 13 and 17-23 as allegedly being anticipated by Wong be withdrawn.

In sections 7-10 on pages 6-10, the Office Action rejects claims 10-12 and 14-16. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 10-12 and 14-16 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claims 1 and 2, respectively, for at least the reasons stated above in connection with the rejection of claims 1 and 2.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 10-12 and 14-16 in sections 7-10 on pages 6-10 of the Office Action be

withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objections and/or rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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